



Loose Threads News

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November 2016

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

3rd Tuesday Agenda

9:30 Workshop
Debby Karasik

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Lecture
Debby Karasik

5th Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments
& socializing

10:00 Basting

President's Message

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My Thanksgiving is perpetual."

Henry David Thoreau

The month of November is upon us and so is the beginning of the holiday season. Soon it will be turkey time! As this busy time of year rolls around, take a moment to reflect on all that there is to be thankful for in your life. Remember too, that following quickly on the heels of this holiday is the next. That means that the 2016 Challenges of *'Birds and Words'* are due, as are the 2016 Block of the Month quilts. We all look forward to seeing everyone's completed projects and, of course, we look forward to the holidays themselves.



Betty Ann

Challenge 2016 - "Birds and Words"

LAST MINUTE REMINDERS

- Quilts are due at our December 7, 2016 holiday meeting and must be finished.
- Two elements must be on the front of the quilt. At least one bird, and at least one word. The word(s) may be in any language.
- You can use any technique.
- Maximum perimeter is 160 inches. May be smaller, but not larger.
- Clothing or other quilted items are acceptable.
- Bring your project in a plain bag and place it on the stage for hanging by the committee.
- You may submit more than one project in separate bags.
- Voting will be explained at the event.
- **DON'T SHOW YOUR PROJECT TO ANY MEMBER BEFORE THE BIG REVEAL ON DEC 7.**
- Any questions on the Challenge? Ask Eileen Frankil or Carolyn Thompson.

Minutes – October Meeting

Meeting started promptly at 10 am by President Betty Ann Dawson.

Business Meeting Raffle: This month's winner is Bonnie Strickland.

Committee Meeting Assignments: The Committee meeting assignments were passed out by Betty Ann Dawson as the meeting and Committees will meet to go over the assignments for the coming year during the meeting.

Mug Rugs: Kathy Neiman made beautiful and creative mug rugs for everyone in the guild. Please get one for yourself at the back table!

Block of the Month: Debby O'Keefe is coordinating the Block of the Month for 2016-2017 and has the first block sample for the month of November illustrated in the Oct newsletter.

- Debby is asking that folks who wish to participate complete two of the of each month's block designs. One block will go to that month's block designer, the 2nd will go in a monthly raffle.
- Debby is also looking for folks to submit block designs for 10 more months. She will take them on a first come first serve basis.

Please ask Debby if you have any questions about the Block of the Month and the ultimate concept for this committee. It will be fun to see how the blocks turn into quilts!

Challenge: It continues to be "Birds and Words". It must be a finished quilt no bigger of 160". Please do not put your name on the quilt. They will be viewed and enjoyed at the Christmas Brunch, so get them done! (See Eileen Frankil with any questions).

Fabric Exchange: Last year's Fabric Exchange is completed. Clem Dupont and Linda Hamel are heading up this year's Fabric Exchange. This year's theme is STRIPES and 6 ½" squares of green striped fabric are due for November.

Hospitality: Some modifications to the dates for folks to bring in items are needed and will be emailed to everyone.

Library: Continue to check your shelves for books that need to be returned to the Library.

Nominating Committee: Margie Allen & Jane Russell were nominated and approved to the Nominating committee.

Program: Judy Snook and Silvia Holma have the program for October 19, 2016 to make a Sofa Caddie. Materials required will be sent out in an email.

Workshop: Deb Karasik is the speaker and teacher for our next workshop. She will be teaching us how to make the placemat using her paper piecing techniques. She will do an all day workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 15th and a lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 16th at our Guild Meeting.

Retreat: CANCELLED New folks heading up this committee are Rosemary Geisler and Pat Leiter.

Membership: 47 full members, and 14 associate

Sunshine: Millie continues to improve, visits are great, and continue to send cards.

Evening Bee: October 12, 2016 at 6:30.

Website: Diane Hess is now the webmaster for our site and the latest newsletter is on the website. We will be adding the By-Laws to the site.

Tea Committees: Silvia Homa will make the Ribbon's for the Tea. Rosemary Geisler and Debby O'Keefe will be doing the Viewer's Choice vote counting.

It was also discussed that we should only contact companies or vendors that respond or give to our Guild for our Tea. This will save time and the cost of correspondence. It was agreed to go ahead and streamline our contact list.

Other: Betty Ann Dawson passed out cards to ask members for information on any items that they currently keep at home for the Guild. This will provide a useful inventory for items in the future.

Treasury: Marylou Boryta went over expenses and income. The budget for 2016-2017 has no changes. Only significant item to report is that our Sunshine fun went over budget for 2016 and this was very unusual and we hope not to see it repeated.

Stefanie Adrain – Secretary

October Program



At our October program meeting we made armchair sewing caddies. Silvia Homa led us through the steps of a great project to corral our thread, thimbles, scissors, pins and whatever else we need close by when hand sewing in our favorite comfy chair. (Judy Q. plans to modify the pattern and make it suitable for TV remotes.) Let's see them all at show & tell in November!

Thank
You

Dear ladies of the Loose Threads
Quilters,

We here at St. Peters Pikeland United Church of Christ would like to say "Thank you for the 10 lovely quilts" that you donated to our Pikeland Valley Guild. The quilts were so very beautiful. I know they will get lots of use and be very appreciated by the recipients.

Respectfully,
Dottie Raichle, Pickering Valley Guild

As a request with its donation to our Tea, Fabric Traditions asked to see projects made from some of the donated fabric. For everyone that took fabric at Needle Nite at Lil Evans' home in August, the time has come to make good on your promise. Please bring your completed projects to the guild meeting in Nov.

Members on the Go

Do you recognize Alice, posing here with other 'thru the looking glass' folks? It's Mary Larkin vacationing at Disney World! She wrote, "Attended *Mickey's Not So Scary*



Halloween Party with my nieces Marge, Sarah Anne and Marge's husband Dave. We had so much fun at the party seeing all the characters dressed up in Halloween outfits and having pictures taken with them, getting candy, seeing great parades and the best Hocus Pocus stage show. A memorable, fantastic time."

Block of the Month - December

Brick Block

Design submitted by Lenore Clarke

You will be working with 2 ½" strips, so use those bits from trimming the edge of a quilt. Make half of them dark with light centers, and the other half light with dark centers.

Set-up:

Each brick uses two fabrics, A and B. From fabric A you will need two 9 ½" x 2 ½" strips and two 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares. From fabric B you will need one 5 ½" x 2 ½" strip. Make sure your seams are ¼" wide.

Step 1: Sew one 2 ½" square from fabric A to each end of the fabric B strip. Press seams toward fabric A.

Step 2: Sew one 9 ½" x 2 ½" strip of fabric A to each edge of the unit prepared in step 1. Press seams toward the fabric A strip.

If you make a pair of blocks at the same time, you will need one strip of Fabric A and one strip of Fabric B that is 29 ½ inches long by 2 ½ inches wide.

Fabric A		
A	Fabric B	A
Fabric A		

Due at the Dec brunch

Reminder: If you make only 1 pair, then they will go to the person who designed this month's BOM. But if you make a 2nd pair, your name will be put in for the raffle to win all the remaining DEC blocks.



Upcoming Events

10th Annual Exhibition of Quilts – Nov 11-13, 2016 Presented by Lebanon Quilters Guild at the Lebanon Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA Admission \$8
www.lebanonquiltersguild.com

Connected by Stitch - Oct 22 – Dec 8, 2016 at Pennsylvania College of Technology at Penn State
 Exhibit hours are 2-5pm



We got a newsy letter from Wendy Cole telling us all about settling into her new home outside Erie. She's joined a guild, the North East Crazy Quilters, and has already volunteered to hang their quilt show next month.

"I want to thank you all so much for the lovely quilt you sent me. It will have a special place in my sewing room wall when it gets built next year. I can't wait...the bedroom that my sewing machine is sharing right now is not working. Not enough elbow room. Jerry says I have to live through a whole winter here first before we can put on the sewing room addition. Spring, here we come..."

Wendy Cole

New Fabric Exchange

This year's fabric exchange will be Striped Fabrics, cut into 6 ½" Squares. It will begin in November. For those who like to shop ahead below is the schedule for the whole year. Feel free to cut your squares all at once and bring them to Clem Dupont or Linda Hamel.

November	green
December	red & green
January	dark blue
February	pink
March	yellow
April	purple
May	turquoise
June	light/med blue
July	gold
August	black & white
September	red
October	brown

Note: The stripes do NOT have to be strictly vertical stripes. Have fun, submit wavy or zig-zag. The fabric colors do NOT have to be solely the designated color but can have other colors within the fabric. If the color is green, the fabric should just read predominately green.

YIKES STRIPES Fabric Exchange

This month's stripe color is **GREEN**. Cut **14** squares measuring 6 ½" and place in a ziplock bag with your name on it.



Quilt Shop Review

Cotton Weeds Quilt shop in Freeport, Maine is located on Rt. 1, just down the road from LL Bean and other stores such as Banana Republic, Gap and Old Navy.

Cotton Weeds is your basic quilt shop, not huge, but carrying enough of different styles to please every quilter looking to add to her stash. A good variety of batiks, traditional, children's, and holiday fabrics. They also carry wool squares, needle punch and embroidery supplies and patterns, as well as patterns for lots of bags and totes. There are lots of samples of all of these.

Staff is friendly, prices are average. Open daily, hours vary.

Bonus shopping - right next door is a yarn shop for those who knit, and Econo Lodge shares the parking lot (no need to drive!) And just in case your husband is bored, he can wander over to sample a brew at Maine Beer Co.!

Debby O'Keefe

Cotton Weeds Quilt Shop

541 US 1

Freeport, ME 04032

207-865-4600

<http://www.cottonweeds.com/>

On the web site there was this note: We are moving...not far, just a tad to the north, still on Rt 1. So check the web site before your next trip to Maine!



The Brunch committee needs CLEAN ½ pint mason jars with lids and flats. Please bring them to the November 2nd guild meeting.

Recipe of the Month

What to do with all that summer squash and zucchini??? Here's a great recipe taken from the Pottstown Mercury by Melissa d'Arabian.

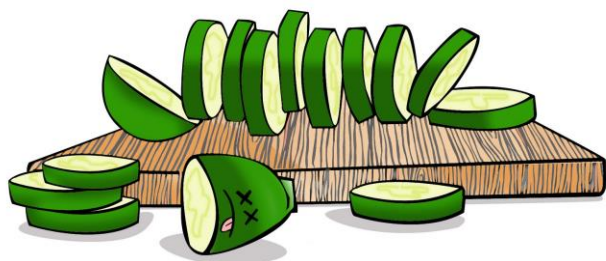
Italian Squash Bake

1 medium – large zucchini, sliced
 1 medium – large yellow squash, sliced
 2 large shallots, sliced
 2 tomatoes, sliced
 5-10 garlic cloves
 2 tsp dried Italian herb seasoning (make your own, look it up online)
 1 Tbsp olive oil
 Juice of ½ lemon
 ¼ cup shredded mozzarella or parmesan cheese, or mixed
 Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Season the vegetables with salt and pepper. Layer the vegetables 'shingle style' in the baking dish; the slices should not lie flat. Sprinkle on the garlic cloves (I sliced the cloves) and the dried herbs. Drizzle on the olive oil and squeeze on the lemon juice.

Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove the foil and continue baking for an additional 30 minutes, sprinkling on the cheese for the last 15 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 4.

Betty Ann Dawson



November Program & Workshop

The November 2000 announcement that her daughter was pregnant with triplets was the start of Deb Karasik's real quilting passion. After joining the San Francisco Quilters Guild, Deb met Janet Mednick, who would later help her write a book for AQS called *QuiltMavens Perfect Paper Piecing*. She has since written *Quilts With Attitude*, also published by AQS and is currently working on her next book.

Now based in Durham, North Carolina, Deb is quilting, teaching and writing professionally and travel worldwide to share her passion for contemporary quilting.

<http://www.debkarasik.com/>



All Day Tuesday Workshop:
 Falling Leaves Placemats
 Sign-up at Nov 2nd meeting

This is a perfect workshop for anyone wanting to learn the basics of paper piecing or just hone up on their current skills. Students learn how to measure a pattern to determine the size to cut fabric paper, piecing techniques and how to set curves...without fear.

2016 Guild Committees

Basting: Loretta Radewonuk, Nancy Kinyon-Samec, Jean Sullivan, Judy Quintas-Gorman

Block of the Month: Debby O'Keefe

Business Meeting Raffle: Carolyn Ferrandino, Sally Ater

2017 Challenge: Nancy Miller, Pat Leiter

Evening Bee: Bonnie Strickland, Sally Ater

Fabric Exchange: Linda Hamel, Clem Dupont

Field Trips: Cathy Nelson, Betty Ann Dawson, Christine Fallon

Historian: Linda Hamel, Stephanie Adrian

Holiday Brunch: Geri Dulis, Pat Phillion, Mary Larkin, Gayle Hammond, Marie Traxler, Melinda Novatnak, Susan Glaser, Toni Hughes

Hospitality: Gayle Hammond, Geri Dulis, Eileen Frankil, Pat Phillion

Librarians: Jane Russell, Bernie Hughes

Newsletter: Linda Hamel, Joanne Cantwell

Nominating: Lil Evans, Margie Allen, Jane Russell

Programs: Judy Snook, Silvia Homa

Retreats: Pat Leiter, Rosemary Geisler

Round Robin: Clem Dupont

Secret Pal: Kathie Travis, Kathy Neiman

Service Projects (Charity): Mary Larkin, Nancy Kinyon-Samec

Speakers: Laurie Kelly, Rosemary Geisler

Sunshine: Judy Shafer, Jane Russell

Tea: Kiti Williams - Chair, Co-Chair – Diane Hess

Website: Diane Hess, Lenore Clarke





YOU ARE INVITED

Loose Threads Holiday Brunch

Wednesday, December 7, 2015

10:00 A.M.

Gift Exchange – If you would like to participate, bring a \$20 wrapped gift with your name written on a card inside.

Bring your challenge quilt in a plain bag

Bring last year's BOM quilt for display

Bring 2 dozen cookies

Bring your Holiday mug

Secret Pal revealed.



Road Trips



It was a crisp, clear fall day for our road trip to Leesport for the Berks Guild quilt show. There was so much to see, quilts, vendors, raffle baskets and mini-quilts, that held our interest all morning. (I believe there were a few Pollyanna gifts purchased at their great craft boutique.)

For lunch it was off to Ozgoods, our second time at this great restaurant in Kutztown. Delicious sandwiches! Then a number of us made a final stop at the Wooden Bridge quilt shop. The selection is wonderful and prices are very reasonable, so many of us got a start on our 'stripes' for this year's fabric exchange. All were in agreement – it was a wonderful day.



A number of members attended *'Piecing Together a Changing Planet'* - a National Park Service & Studio Art Quilt Associates exhibit at Montgomery County Community College in Pottstown after the Oct 19th guild meeting. After a tasty lunch at Lilly's Grill on High St. (Mmmm...those truffle fries!), we enjoyed the unique (in both topic and technique) art quilts displayed at MCCC's beautiful exhibit space on the Pottstown campus.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 18 Jeanne Nalbandian
- 27 Wendy Cole
- 28 Bonnie Strickland

Hospitality

Nov 2

Linda Garthe
Pat Leiter
Toni Hughes
Joanne Cantwell

Nov 16

Carolyn Thompson
Donna Mathias
Silvia Homa
Rosemary Geisler

Nov 30

Kathy Neiman
Gayle Hammond
Kiti Williams
Jean Sullivan

Snack
Snack
Fruit/Veg
Cold Drink

Snack
Snack
Fruit/Veg
Cold Drink

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Cold Drink

Getting to Know You

Marie Traxler

It's a bird? No, it's a plane! It's our fellow quilter, Marie Traxler and her husband Barry out for a spin in their small Cherokee 4-seater airplane with her step-son piloting! This is one of Marie's many interests beyond keeping busy in that fabulous sewing room that her husband created for her.

Born in Jeffersonville, Marie started sewing in Jr. High and her grandmother, who worked in a pants factory, had a great influence on her. After Chestnut Hill College, Marie taught first grade for a year in Pottstown, then left teaching to start her family of 3 daughters (in 3 years), went to work in Tupperware sales and eventually worked for a heating and air conditioning company for 16 years. She now has a blended family of 7 children, 17 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Through the years she has enjoyed garment sewing for herself and her children and has now turned to quilting and knitting for the grandchildren and "greats."

Her first quilt was for her granddaughter which was requested to match her wallpaper, she succeeded. She now prefers hand sewing, especially applique, and enjoys using her hands rather than the sewing machine. Marie belonged to the Valley Forge Guild, then heard that there was a day-time guild not too far away so she joined Loose Threads about 13 years ago. Since then she has served as Secretary, committee head for the Christmas brunch for 3-4 years, worked on the Chinese auction and led several tea discussion groups. Marie also served as the LTG librarian for a year and was instrumental in moving our books into a bookcase after shuffling them back and forth in milk cartons. Her husband then handily installed wheels and a platform on the bookcase to make it more mobile. She also started our system of card "pockets" to help with our library loaning system.



A special highlight for Marie was to trace the steps of her father who was born in Sicily, and visit both Italy and Sicily a few years ago with a friend. She spent 12 days there the first time and went back a second time for another week. Another high point for Marie was when she entered a quilt show at Peddler's Village and won an award, then went on to win a "Quilter's Choice" award at one of our Loose Threads Teas. Along with her enjoyment of aviation, Marie also likes to read and garden. She, too, can be credited for instilling a serious interest in quilting in her daughter, Patti, who has attended several of our Teas and is now is a member of a small evening quilting group.

Joanne Cantwell



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Loose Threads Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 AM on the
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month,
with a special basting meeting on the 5th
Wednesday at:

First United Church of Christ
145 Chestnut St
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Annual dues are \$20 per year and guests
are always welcome

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newsletter for the members of Loose
Threads Quilt Guild
and is available on our website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

Local Guild Programs

Main Line Quilters is featuring **Dana Balsamo** on Friday, November 18 at 9:45 AM. The meeting will be held at Tredyffrin Public Library, 582 Upper Gulph Road in Strafford. Dana's topic will be "Recycling Vintage Textiles." Find more information at www.materialpleasures.com

Calico Cutters will host **Victoria Findlay Wolfe**, on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 with a lecture entitled "15 Minutes of Play". (<http://vfwquilts.com/>) Victoria is one of the pre-eminent quilters in the Modern Quilting world. She bridges the gap between traditional and modern, especially when you view her current Double Wedding Ring quilts. Her talk, about her process and how to push your creativity will be accented with loads of quilts. She will share enough to get us inspired, and then send us home to CREATE!

Location Change (this meeting only) – Paoli Presbyterian Church, 225 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA
Members are encouraged to arrive at 9:00 since we expect many guests.

Guest Fee is \$10

<http://calicocutters.com/>